

2. (NEW) Apparatus for binding bales with wire comprising feed means for feeding and tightening said wire, a guide for guiding said wire fed by said feed means around said bale, wire processing means for cutting, tightening and twisting the ends of said wire, a take-up unit for taking up a slack loop in said wire created by said tightening of said wire, and spring-loaded feed means disposed upstream of said feed means with respect to said bale for damping motion in said wire upon taking up of said slack loop by continued feeding of said wire.

3. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 2 including a wire magazine for supplying said wire to said feed means.

4. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said wire magazine comprises a reel of said wire.

5. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said spring-loaded feed means is disposed between said feed means and said wire magazine.

6. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said spring-loaded feed means is disposed adjacent to said feed means.